

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claim 1 has been amended to call for the halogen free resin composition to consist essentially of the listed components. Claim 1 has been amended to call for the weight percentage to be based on the total amounts of components (A) and (B).

The Objection to Claim 11 is believed obviated by the foregoing amendment.

The rejection of the claims (a) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hwang et al. Publication No. US 2004/0147640 A1, and (b) the provisional rejection of the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 13 and 20 of copending Application No. 10/412,126, are both respectfully traversed.

As an initial matter, it is noted that Publication No. US 2004/0147640 A1 and Application No. 10/412,126 (both referred to as “Hwang et al.”) are the same application. The rejections are believed overcome by the amendment to claim 1 calling for the halogen free resin composition to consist essentially of the listed components. The amendment clearly indicates that the resin composition in the present invention consists essentially of (A) one or more phosphorous-containing epoxy resins; (B) a hardener; and (C) a hardening accelerator. Component (D), a polyphenylene oxide resin, and component (E), a filling material in Hwang et al., are **not** used in the present invention and are **not** required for the resin composition of the present invention to achieve the intended flame retardant property of the UL 94V-O standard. Therefore, both rejections are believed to be overcome.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance.


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